

## ***Editorial***

Golf course superintendents are finding themselves in a no win situation as 1980 draws to a close. Inflation is running rampant and budgets are out the window. Cost of supplies are up 15% to 150% (see Brad Kochers' article on page 12) with no relief in sight. How do we cope?

Owners and green committee chairmen must be realistic. They should sit down with their superintendents and have a frank discussion on possible solutions and compromises. The superintendent has got to be an astute businessman and manager. He must go to his accounting department and compare actual invoices from a year ago with today's prices. This is a starting point for discussions with upper management.

Labor is still the number one budget item (60%). New hydraulic equipment can cut labor costs. Other innovative ideas such as not cutting greens on Sunday can be considered. Using curative instead of preventative programs with pesticides can save additional monies.

Where do we go in 1981? Needless to say a meeting of the minds must take place. Inflation is not going to fade away into the night. Either quality of maintenance standards must be adjusted downward or available monies for proper maintenance must be adjusted upward. The decision can not be taken lightly. All concerned parties must participate in searching for answers to this situation.